

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

WASHINGTON.

Congress will assemble today for the first of the session. In the House, the Hepburn canal bill is the special order of business. Little business is on the Senate calendar for the week.

The Treasury Bureau of Statistics has compiled figures of the domestic trade of the United States for the eleven months ending with November, 1901, showing generally satisfactory increases.

The Interstate Commerce Commission of the Illinois National Association will bring strong pressure to bear on the present Congress to pass legislation to make the rulings of the Interstate Commerce Commission binding and effective.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

125-Pulmonum Jones picks the lock of the Alton, Ill. calaboose with a stick and escapes.

Miss Bertha Doherty will depart today for Tacoma, Wash., to marry Charles Doherty.

The Junior Jefferson Club, composed of West End boys, is split on the question of invited guests.

Parishioners of St. Malachy's parish make strongest protest against the removal of the social club district to a location in or near the parish territory.

The United Jewish Educational and Charitable Association dedicate their school at North and 12th streets.

Joseph Stuchlik, while descending, blew out his lungs with a revolver.

Walter L. Sheldon, lecturer of the Ethical Society, yesterday delivered the first of a series of lectures on "The History and Development of the Institution of Marriage."

Fred Schroeder, who was fatally injured in the railroad accident at Brighton, Ill., says he is the son of a German.

Mr. Alexander D. Brown gives \$5,000 to wipe out the indebtedness of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Colonel Dyer, commanding the Twelfth Regiment of the National Guard of New York City, has ruled that hereafter no more society men and millionaires can hold commissions in the regiment without first serving as privates and performing all the duties of a common soldier, including cooking and cleaning camp.

Allan, the 16-year-old son of Charles Mackay, a Chicago stock broker, mysteriously disappeared in New York while with his mother shopping.

The Right Reverend C. H. Brent, who was consecrated Bishop of the Philippines by the Episcopal Church, will perform an appeal for \$10,000 with which to issue his labors.

The locality of the Curtis act is to be tested in the courts. A test case will be made of a Chicago cattleman who is charged with violating the Curtis act by excessive land holding.

Wheat fields of Kansas are said to be suffering greatly for need of rain. In some places it is feared the damage has already been done and moisture would not save the growing crops.

The Democratic State Central Committee of Illinois will today meet in Springfield. The question of opposing the Mayor in the recent gubernatorial election of the State by the Legislature will probably be considered.

Three trainmen were killed in a freight wreck on the Southern Railway in Georgia.

Russell Sage has transferred his membership from the West Presbyterian Church of New York, which the Reverend Doctor Anthony H. Evans is pastor, to the Presbyterian Church of New York, of which the Reverend Donald Mackay is pastor.

Four thousand persons attended a pro-republic demonstration at Cleveland. Speeches were made by W. J. Bryan, Charles Johnson, who were enthusiastically received. A resolution, calling upon the President to continue McKinley's policy against the reconcentrado camps, was adopted.

According to Henry F. Darling of Kansas City the volume of business transacted in that city during the last year exceeded all previous records.

The American Missionary Association will observe February 3 as a memorial of Abraham Lincoln.

The National McKinley Memorial Association has drafted a bill to be introduced in Congress this week.

Sam Lazarus, the St. Louis millionaire, declares he has engaged in a fight to the finish with the Cement and Plaster Trust. He has engaged headquarters at Kansas City and will direct operations from that point.

FOREIGN.

The Boers ambushed a force of the Scots Greys last Saturday. The British casualties were six killed and ten wounded. Princess Louise, the eccentric daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, is hopelessly insane.

The Mormons have made 2,000 converts in Germany. Followers of the faith are holding a conference in Berlin.

It is reported that the residence of the Venezuelan Minister of Finance was partly wrecked with dynamite at Caracas.

SPORTING.

Jim Hall, the ex-pugilist, is seriously sick in Cincinnati.

It is said that T. P. Hayes, the Kentucky horseman, has disposed of his Kentucky-bred colt, Runnels, for \$15,000 to Tichenor & Newgas of Chicago.

The stewards of the Western Jockey Club will meet today in Chicago. It is expected that many outlandish owners and their horses will be present.

George Welly, the Australian bantam, has challenged "Young Corbett," but he declines on the ground that McGovern is to have the first chance.

Final arrangements for the heavy-weight championship battle have been concluded. Jeffries will meet Sharkey between March 28 and April 5.

The police revolver team will be graded according to ability in a special shoot today.

Marine Intelligence.

Dover, Jan. 5.—Passed: Barbarossa from New York for Bremen.

Liverpool, Jan. 5.—Arrived: Bovic from New York.

Queenstown, Jan. 5.—Arrived: Ivernia from Boston for Liverpool and proceeded.

Southampton, Jan. 5.—Sailed: The Argentine Victoria (from Hamburg) for New York.

Liverpool, Jan. 5.—Sailed: Philadelphia for Boston.

Queenstown, Jan. 5.—Sailed: Etruria (from Liverpool) for New York.

New York, Jan. 5.—Arrived: Steamers Olympic, Liverpool and Queenstown; Gera, Bremen; Graf Waldersee, Hamburg; and Phrynia, Pagan, Marseilles, Genoa and Naples.

New York, Jan. 5.—Arrived: L'Aquitaine, Havre.

INJURED BY STREET CARS.

William Metker Seriously Hurt—Other Accidents.

William Metker was seriously injured last night by being struck by a Chicago street car at Eleventh street and Russell avenue. Metker was crossing the car tracks, when he was struck by the car and thrown to the ground. He sustained a concussion of the brain and was cut on the head and face. He was removed to his home, No. 202 South Eleventh street.

Isaac Jones, living at No. 125 Bremen avenue, in alighting from a southbound Broadway car at Farrar street last night, missed his footing and was thrown to the ground. He was cut on the face and body. His injuries were dressed at the North End Dispensary and he was removed to his home.

A Broadway car collided with a wagon driven by George Yelda, living at Luxemburg, at Eiler street, overturning the wagon. One of the horses, valued at \$80, was killed. The driver escaped injury by jumping.

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THURSHER HALL,

The new Linens, Women's Silk and Muslin Underclothing, Embroideries, Men's Unlaundered Shirts, Black Silks and several shipments of Wash Goods have been received and are now on sale.

"Bonnet" Black Silks.

C. J. Bonnet & Co.

Once more we have a complete stock of these wonderful Black Silks. They are striking in appearance and finish, remarkably cheap in price and they will not break or tear and are certain to give unusual satisfaction.

We have never before had, at one time, such a full line and such a large stock as to-day; and this means that there has never been in St. Louis any such array of these goods before.

Bright Black Taffetas..... 21 inches wide..... 75c per yard
22 inches wide..... 85c per yard
23 inches wide..... \$1.00 per yard
26 inches wide..... \$1.25 per yard

Pure Dye Taffetas, 23 inches wide, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

Black Peau de Soie, 21 inches wide, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Black Peau de Soie, 22 inches wide, \$1.50.

There is no more useful gown than one of Black Silk; and there are no other Black Silks quite so good as those made for the last one hundred years by C. J. Bonnet & Co.

Embroideries.

Swiss and Nainsook Sets and Allovers to match; Flouncings from 18 to 30 inches in width; Ribbon Embroidery and Band Trimmings, in a variety of dainty and artistic patterns.

These goods were purchased by our representative direct from the manufacturers and the styles are exclusive to us.

We have marked them at unusually low prices—

Hamburg Edges—
1/2 to 1 inch in width..... 5c to 10c
1 to 1 1/2 inches in width..... 10c to 20c
1 1/2 to 2 inches in width..... 15c to 25c
2 1/2 to 3 inches in width..... 25c to 40c
3 1/2 to 4 inches in width..... 35c to 60c
4 to 6 inches in width..... 35c to 60c

Hamburg Insertions—
1/2 to 1 inch in width..... 8c to 15c
1 to 2 inches in width..... 15c to 25c
2 to 3 inches in width..... 25c to 50c
Skirt Flouncing—8 to 16 inches in width, made on Cambric, Nainsook or Swiss, 60c to \$2.50 per yard.

Allovers—
Cambric..... 60c to \$4.00
Nainsook..... 75c to \$6.00
Swiss..... \$1.00 to \$8.50
Unmade French Drawers—
All hand work, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.45 and \$1.50.

Wash Goods.

French, Scotch and Irish Washable tissues, in extensive variety of exclusive novelties, including

Linen Canvas,
Embroidered Pique,
Embroidered Swiss,
Irish Dimity,

Embroidered Grass Linen,
Embroidered Batiste,
Madras Cloth,
Oxford Cloth.

Muslin Underwear.

For Women, Misses and Children.

All the new choice styles in Undermuslins that we have purchased in Europe and America for this sale have arrived, and the assortment contains none but exclusive effects, made of extra fine materials and trimmed with dainty embroideries and handsome laces.

Night Gowns.

Muslin—Yoke of tucks and inserting, high or V neck, trimmed with cambric ruffles..... 48c
Muslin—Tucked yoke, both square and high neck..... 68c
Cambric—Yoke of hemstitched tucks, and lace or embroidery trimmed..... 79c
Cambric—Yoke of hemstitched tucks, embroidery trimmed..... 98c
Nainsook—Square neck front and back, insertion, embroidery and ribbon trimmed..... \$1.19
Best quality of Berkeley cambric, lace, tucked yoke, elaborately trimmed with insertions of embroidery..... \$1.38
Cambric—Round yoke of lace insertion and tucks..... \$1.49
Cambric—High neck, yoke of all-over insertion..... \$1.98

White Petticoats.

Full size Muslin Petticoat with tucked Spanish flounce..... 48c
Muslin—Deep ruffle, with lace insertion, and flounce..... 98c
Cambric—Tucked umbrella embroidery flounce..... \$1.68
Cambric—Elaborately trimmed, with bias tucks and lace insertion..... \$2.75

Table Novelties.

We have just added to stock an exceptionally fine assortment of silk Candle Shades for candleholders, single candle sticks and electric light bulbs. 20c to \$2.00 Each.
Celluloid Candle Lamps..... 45c each
Arctic Candles for Lamps..... 25c per doz.
Colored Candles, Mica Protectors, and Metal Shade Holders, all at..... 5c each.
Fans—Hand-painted, lace-trimmed, decorated with spangles..... \$1.25 each.
More elaborate ones, \$1.50 to \$2.50.
Also an entirely new line of Parisian Novelty Fans, especially desirable for theater-evenings and receptions.

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TRADE MARK

This famous trade mark has at last been extended also to ladies' slippers. Like the shoes, these slippers are the best and handsomest at the price that have ever been made.

The styles include bows, buckles, beaded fronts, high and low cut straps, in patent leather and plain black and russet kid.
All styles, \$3.50 per pair.

Housekeeping Linens.

The new Linens from France, Ireland, Scotland and Germany are here, and the assortment is not lacking in a single desirable feature. There are Table, Toilet, Bed and Decorative Linens, Ready-Made Cotton Sheets and Pillow Cases, and all are marked fully 25% less than present market value.

Damasks.

Bleached—64-inch all-linen Irish Damasks, regularly 60c..... 50c per yard
72-inch all-linen Irish Damask, that would be exceptional value at \$1.00..... 85c per yard
72-inch all-linen, extra fine quality of Irish Damask, with plain centers and handsome borders; worth \$1.50..... \$1.00 per yard
22-inch Napkins to match..... \$2.75 per dozen
26-inch Napkins to match..... \$3.50 per dozen

Bleached Linen Damask

Table Cloths,

With Borders All Around.

2x2 yards..... \$0.50 and \$2.50 each
2x2 1/2 yards..... \$1.85 and \$3.00 each
2x3 yards..... \$3.50 and \$4.50 each
Also 400 French, Irish and Scotch Table Cloths in a variety of handsome designs—2x3-2x3 1/2-2x4-2x4 1/2-2x5-2x5 1/2.
At just 1/2 The Regular Prices.

Towels.

16x30 all-linen, hemmed Crash Towels; regularly 12 1/2c..... 10c each
21x38 extra heavy hemmed Huck Towels; worth 15c..... 12 1/2c each
21x42 extra heavy hemmed Huck Towels; 20c value..... 15c each
20x40 heavy all-linen, hemmed Huck Towels; worth 25c..... 20c each
17x32 fine quality of hemstitched Huck Towels; 15c value..... 12 1/2c each
18x35 hemmed Huck Towels; regularly worth 25c..... 20c each

Napkins.

22-inch all-linen Silver Bleach..... \$1.50 per dozen
24-inch all-linen Bleached Irish Napkins, \$2.50 value..... \$2.00 per dozen
24-inch extra heavy Bleached Irish Napkins, worth \$3.00..... \$2.00 per dozen
27-inch extra fine double Damask Napkins; regularly worth \$5.50..... \$5.00 per dozen

Ready-Made Cotton

Sheets and Pillow Cases.
Pillow Cases—
42x36 or 45x36, hemmed..... 10c each
42x36 or 45x36, hemstitched..... 12 1/2c each
45x36, hemstitched..... 15c each
Sheets—
81x90, hemmed..... 50c, worth 65c
90x90, hemmed..... 55c, worth 70c
90x90, hemmed..... 65c, worth 80c
90x90, hemmed..... 70c, worth 85c

Our London Linen Finish Sheets and Pillow Cases are an exact reproduction of our \$1.50 Linen Sheetings. They are similar in appearance to the finest all-linen Sheets and Pillow Cases and will give satisfactory wear.

Pillow Cases—
Size 42x36..... 14c each
Size 45x36..... 15c each
Size 45x38 1/2..... 16c each
Size 50x48 1/2..... 18c each
Sheets—
Size 63x90..... 60c, worth 70c
Size 72x90..... 65c, worth 75c
Size 81x90..... 65c, worth 75c
Size 81x90..... 70c, worth 80c

Tray Cloths.

Hemstitched Damask.

20x30..... 25c each; regularly 35c
18x28..... 35c each; regularly 45c

Lunch Cloths.

Hemstitched Damask.

36-inch—square—all linen..... 75c
36-inch—square—all linen..... \$1.00

Crashes.

17-inch all-linen Barnsley Crash; regularly 12 1/2c..... 10c per yard
19-inch fine all-linen Crash; value, 12 1/2c..... 10c per yard
17 1/2-inch heavy, all-linen Barnsley Crash; regularly 15c..... 12 1/2c per yard

NICARAGUAN PROJECT MAY HAVE TO WAIT.

Many Senators Apprehensive That Cost of Canal Has Been Underestimated.

MASON'S NEW COMPANION.

Clapp of Minnesota Believes With the Illinois Member That Executive Sessions Are a Farce.

The Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, Jan. 5.—There appears to be a growing distrust of the Nicaraguan Canal project in the Senate. There is a fear that estimates of cost which have varied from \$125,000,000 to \$200,000,000, may fall short of the total necessary, and with the crying demand for tariff reduction many Senators think this greater project might wait.

No work has been done yet on the canal, and attention is called to the cost of the Siberian railroad, some 6,000 miles in length, from St. Petersburg to a point in Manchuria. The original estimate of the road was \$100,000,000, but it has cost already \$100,000,000 and when completed will have cost about \$200,000,000. The estimate made by the Walker Commission for the Nicaragua route is about \$100,000,000. Many Senators are apprehensive that the cost in reality will be double or triple that amount. This has led some of them also to favor the Panama route, where work has progressed far enough to justify a reasonably close estimate of cost.

Owing to these two considerations it is not at all improbable that canal legislation will go over to the next session, if not to another Congress. It is likely that the bill will pass the House, but its fate in the Senate is doubtful.

Mason no Longer Alone.

Senator "Bile" Mason of Illinois is no longer alone in his contempt for the secret, or exclusive session, of the Senate. Mr. Clapp of Minnesota, who succeeded the late Senator Davis, is on record to the effect that the executive session is a joke, and need not be taken seriously by the American people. Mr. Clapp has told the Senate his characteristic way, and has been regarded the executive sessions largely as a farce, and there is reason for this, and Mr. Clapp predicts that the time will come when tradition, which perpetuates the secret Senate session, will become part and parcel of the rubbish that marks the progress of this great people of ours. Mason, in his characteristic way, calls the executive session an ancient battle.

House of Representatives.

The hall of the House of Representatives, in its new dress, is even more attractive and elegant, if possible, than the Senate Chamber. For the first time in a quarter of a century this room might be called beautiful. The changes made there during the recess of Congress have transformed the House from a dingy, but semi-gaudy mixture of bad coloring and time stains, to a modernized, bright, artistic chamber, which probably will compare well with any legislative hall in the world. It was Speaker Reed's idea to have the desks of the members removed, and only benches used.

FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE.

Wreck on Southern Railway Kills Three Trainmen.

FAMILY OF FOUR KILLED BY GAS.

Two Other Families, Including Eight Persons, Had Narrow Escapes From Asphyxiation.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 5.—One family was asphyxiated by gas this morning and two other families—sixteen persons in all—had narrow escapes. They lived in Joseph King's house at No. 38 New Park avenue.

The dead are: Anton C. Shaver, aged 29; his wife, 21; his son Joseph, 2; and Mary Devida, 18.

Miss Devida had been living in West Hartford and came here a few days ago to prepare for her wedding, which was to have occurred in a few weeks. Other families in the house were those of Joseph King, the owner, and James Ray.

The Shavers family had three rooms on the top floor. While Miss Devida was there Mr. and Mrs. Shaver and their child slept together and their guest slept on a lounge in the sitting-room. They retired last night in excellent spirits. Toward morning Mr. Ray's little girl awoke crying from nausea. Soon after the King family was detected. A doctor was summoned.

Meanwhile Mr. King went to see about the Shavers family. Not daring to carry a lamp, he squatted over Shaver's dead body near the bed-room door, where he had fallen in trying to get air. His wife was dead in the bed with the child gasping its last in her arms, and Miss Devida was dead on the lounge. The rooms were full of gas.

So far as can be learned now, the gas came from a defective pipe in the cellar. The Shaver family did not use gas. It is thought that the gas made its way up the back stairs from the first floor. Medical Examiner Fisher insists on a thorough investigation, as he believes the Hartford Gaslight Company is making a very dangerous gas.

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PASSED COAL TO EARN A FREE RIDE.

Fred Schroeder, Fatally Injured in Railroad Wreck, Was Working His Way Home.

LOST HIS MONEY IN ST. LOUIS.

He Claims to Be a Son of the Manager of the Great Northern Hotel in Chicago.

As a result of injuries received in the Chicago and Alton freight wreck at Brighton, Ill., last Saturday, while trying to work his way home, Fred Schroeder, who claims to be a son of the manager of the Great Northern Hotel in Chicago, is lying at the point of death in St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton.

Quite a combination of circumstances is responsible for Schroeder's present condition, according to his own story. The loss of his money and his unwillingness to let his friends know of his lack of funds freed him to attempt to work his way to Chicago as a coal passer, and resulted in his receiving fatal injuries in the wreck.

Schroeder told a long story at the hospital yesterday, stating that he was employed by Swift & Co. as a meat inspector and that he had been in Kansas City on a business trip for his firm. On his way home, he stated, he was robbed of \$9, all his available funds.

He said that he felt humiliated at the loss of the money and disliked to inform his friends of his financial embarrassment. In this extremity, he applied to the engineer of the freight train, offering to work his way to Chicago as coal passer in return for a ride. His offer was accepted, and while engaged in the work he received his injuries.

He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital after the wreck and late last night was informed that he had been killed. He was told that the physicians had pronounced him dead. He then told the physicians that he was the son of Manager Schroeder of the Great Northern Hotel in Chicago.

A telegram from Chicago to The Republic last night states that no man of the name of Schroeder is connected with the Great Northern. The name of the proprietor of that establishment is Ross.

MEMOIR FOR CHIEF DESMOND.

Chief of Detective Desmond has another article to add to his collection of tools and weapons which he prizes as mementos of the "scab" revolver which was taken from William Kilpatrick, the train robber, when arrested by St. Louis detectives. Chief Desmond turned both revolvers found on the man over to J. E. Murphy of the local Government secret service and asked that one be given to him as a memento. The request was granted by Chief Wilks of the United States Secret Service.

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THRASHER HALL, St. Louis.

Gates, aged 26 years, died of consumption last night at her home in this city after a long illness.

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Clinton, Ill., Jan. 5.—Doctor F. E. Downey, a prominent physician of this city, died to-day at Hahnemann Hospital, Chicago, as the result of an operation for liver trouble.

Male and female created he them: This is fundamental in the whole story of the evolution of life. It means the justification of the tender relations in family life. It has been nature's plan that an individual should not exist or die unto itself, but only find its completion in the life of other individuals.

It will seem surprising at first that the development of marriage and the family does not begin with the human race. Ages on ages before the living soul of man had made the first elements of family life began their start. They began at the very outset in the first tiny organisms where the distinction of sex was first inaugurated and the beautiful dependence of one creature on another formed a part of the plan of creation.

The story in those early ages was a story

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